IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIC

Applicant:

Linard Karklin et al.

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Assignee:

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Title:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROVIDING MASK QUALITY

CONTROL

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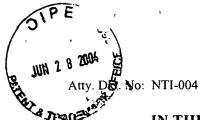
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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

## Initial Comments

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-15, and 17-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-13, 16-38, and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,647,147 (Miyano). Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyano in view of U.S. Patent 6,556,703 (Kane). Claims 14-15, 39, 43, and 44 are allowable.

Claims 7-9, 11-13, and 17-19 are amended herein. Claims 6, 10, and 16 are cancelled.



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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- 2. **STATUS**: Applicant is other than a small entity.
- 3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- 4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Indep.	14	Minus	14	= 0	x \$86 =	\$0		
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$290 =	\$0		
					Total			

Addit. Fee \$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. FEE DEFICIENCY: If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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